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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW
OF WAR

REF: STATE 8673

1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH SQUIRES, HEAD FCO SOUTHEAST ASIA ON JANUARY 15. HE SAID THAT UK DEL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE HAVE ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN. GIST OF UK POSITION ON PRG ISSUE IS THAT INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ISSUED ON BASIS OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT FIRST SESSION IN FEB. 1974, I.E., THAT PRG SHOULD NOT BE INVITED. HE SAID UK WILL VOTE AGAINST PRG INVITATION.

2. WE CALLED ATTENTION TO RULE 35/RULE 32 PROBLEM. WE LAID OUT U.S. POSITION. SQUIRES SAID HE WOULD INCLUDE NOTE ON THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM IN DEL'S INSTRUCTIONS.

3. ON JANUARY 16, SQUIRES CALLED US TO SAY HE HAD HEARD
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REPORT THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT

WAS GRANTING FACILITIES IN GENEVA TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE PRG IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR. REPORT SAID GOS WAS DOING THIS BECAUSE OF DETERMINATION BY UNSYG WALDHEIM THAT PRG SHOULD BE OBSERVER AT CONFERENCE. SQUIRES COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC AND SAID THAT REPORT AS HE HAD RECEIVED IT MIGHT BE GARBLED. HE ADDED THAT FCO IS TROUBLED BY REPORT AND IS MAKING INQUIRIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE ON THE ALLEGED ACTION BY GOS.

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